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Dear Mr. Swann:

As outlined in Executive Order 12088, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is directed to monitor Federal facilities compliance with existing and proposed pollution control requirements for all media. In a continuing effort under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) to assess the Federal facilities in Region 6, we are very interested in obtaining the information on the Army installations currently being assessed under the Installation Restoration Program (IRP).

Of the 13 Army installations identified in Region 6, we have yet to receive Phase I reports on one of these sites (see Table A). We hope to receive this report by December, 1984. If this initial phase of the IRP cannot be completed within this time frame, please provide us with a scheduled completion date (month and year).

We have received Phase I reports on the nine Army installations listed on Table B. Please provide us with a schedule of the completion dates (month and year) for the advanced phases of the IRP for these facilities. Additionally, EPA requests a response from the Army on comments and recommendations made by us concerning the Phase I reports of four installations. Due to delays in the transmittal of this information, concern arises at EPA as to the progress being made at these sites.

Phase II reports have been received by the EPA on two sites (Table C); this includes a follow-up report to Lone Star Ammunition Plant's Phase II report. As with sites in the initial phases of the IRP, EPA requests a scheduled completion date (month and year) for the phases yet to be completed at these sites.

The program currently being implemented at the Pine Bluff Arsenal is complex and not readily classified into IRP phases. At this time it appears that most sites within the arsenal are in what approximates Phase IV. The EPA has copies of Closure/Post Closure and Contingency plans for all the sites within the Pine Bluff Arsenal and we are requesting verification that that work is progressing as outlined in these plans. We would also appreciate periodic updates for the Pine Bluff Arsenal to enable us to continue monitoring the activities at the site.

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It should be stressed that steps need to be taken to ensure sufficient funding is provided for these facilities to provide prompt completion of the IRP at these sites. Should conditions arise that delay or prevent completion of the IRP within a reasonable time frame, EPA may find it necessary to employ regional contractors to conduct investigations at these facilities.

We look forward to your cooperation in addressing these questions and we will be happy to discuss this matter in more detail.

Sincerely yours,

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TABLE A: Army Installations with Phase I Reports Pending

Air Defense Center and Fort Bliss, TX

TABLE B: Army Installations with Phase II Reports Pending

Fort Polk and Peason Ridge, LA

\* White Sands Missile Range, NM

\* Field Artillery Center, Fort Sill, OK

\* Camp Bullis, TX

Fort Hood, TX

\* Fort Sam Houston, TX

Longhorn Ammunition Plant, TX

Red River Depot, TX

McAlester Ammunition Plant, TX

(\* - EPA is awaiting reply to comments and recommendations made regarding Phase I reports at these sites.)

TABLE C: Army Installations with Phase III Reports Pending

Lone Star Ammunition Plant, TX

Louisiana Ammunition Plant, LA